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1. DURING HIS VISIT TO ISRAEL JULY 4-9, CONGRESSMAN
DICKS (D-WASHINGTON) HAD USEFUL CONVERSATIONS WITH GAD
YAACOBI (LABOR MK, EX-MINISTER FO TRANSPORT), YIGAL ALLON
(LABOR MK - EX-FONMIN) AND CURRENT FONMIN MOSHE DAYAN. A
SHORT VISIT WITH PRIME MINISTER BEGIN ELICITED NO COMMENT
ON MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE. FOLLOWING ARE SOME REMARKS BY
THESE ISRAELI OFFICIALS, NOTED BY THE EMBASSY ESCORT
OFFICER.

2. ALLON NOTED THAT WHEN THE ARABS MAKE INTRANSIGNET
PUBLIC STATEMENTS THERE IS NO U.S. RESPONSE, E.G., EGYPTIAN
FONMIN FAHMY'S REMARK ABOUT SENDING JEWS TO EUROPE, SYRIAN
STATEMENTS ABOUT "NEVER" RECOGNIZING ISRAEL, ETC. COMMENT-
ING ABOUT RECENT PUBLIC U.S. STATEMENTS, ALLON SAID
THAT UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS ARE BEING GENERATED. HE NOTED
WITH SOME BITTERNESS THAT "I'M STILL TRYING TO DELUDE
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MYSELF THAT THE U.S. ISN'T DRAWING UP A BLUEPRINT...
(BUT) I CAN SEE THE OUTLINES TAKING SHAPR." HE REFLECTED
BRIEFLY ON TWO PRIOR OCCASIONS WHEN THE U.S. HAD
"DRIVEN" ISRAEL OUT OF TERRITORY IT HAD OCCUPED WITHOUT
ANY QUID PRO QUO, IN 1949 AND 1956. RECALLING PRESIDENT
CARTER'S CALL FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL TO PRE-67 BORDERS
WITH MINOR RACTIFICATIONS, ALLON SAID THAT THE 1967

LINES WERE SPECIFICALLY DENIED THE STATUS OF BORDERS, WHICH WERE TO BE SUBSEQUENTLY NEGOTIATED. REGARDING AN ISRAELI PRESENCE BEYOND (ANY (AGREED) BORDERS, ALLON SAID THAT THIS IDEA ANNOYED BOTH ISRAELIS AND ARABS. SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT, HE SAID, COULDN'T LAST. WITHIN FIVE YEARS THERE WOULD BE CALLS OF "ISRAELIS GO HOME", AND CRITICISM BY ARABS OF THEIR OWN GOVERNMENTS FOR HAVING AGREED TO SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT.

3. DAYAN SAID LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE, NOTING THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME STATEMENTS FROM WASHINGTON WHICH "WE DID NOT LIKE" BUT THAT "WE ARE WILLING TO FORGET THEM". HE SAID THAT THERE IS NO WAY TO GO BACK TO THE STEP-BY-STEP DIPLOMACY AND THAT PARTICIPANTS MUST NOW GO ALL OUT FOR PEACE.

4. LIKE ALLON, YAACOBBI SEEMED TO ENJOY HIS NEW FREEDOM, AS A MEMBER OF THE OPPOSITION IN THE KNESSET, TO SAY WHAT HE LIKED. HE WAS CRITICAL OF RECENT U.S. COMMENTS ON THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION, ASSERTING THAT FOR THE LAST 100 YEARS ARABS HAVE NOT WANTED JEWS (IN PALESTINE-ISRAEL) AND "WHOEVER DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THAT, DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM."

5. YAACOBBI SAID THAT EVERYBODY AGREES WITH BEGIN THAT TERRITORY WILL BE NEGOTIATED ONLY IN THE FRAMEWORK OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A PEACE AGREEMENT, REAL PEACE WITH OPEN BORDERS, TRADE, ETC. HE SAID THAT ANY HOMELAND FOR PALESTINIANS MUST BE IN JORDAN AND BORDERS WILL BE SHAPED IN BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH JORDAN.

6. ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, YAACOBBI SAID THAT ISRAEL IS NOW CONSIDERING UNDERGROUND OIL RESERVES "AS PROMISED BY KISSINGER" IN THE INTERIM ACCORDS. LEWIS

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